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Smallpox—Convalescent patient on Mexican Central Railroad.

EL PASO, TEX., *July 27, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that this morning there arrived on the Mexican Central, from the City of Mexico, one Mr. W. W. Penney, from Chicago, who had all visible signs of lately having had confluent smallpox of a severe type. No epidermal scales being noticed, nor the peculiar indescribable odor characteristic of variola, and he claiming that he was now convalescent for thirty days, he was permitted to go on after thoroughly disinfecting the articles and contents of his trunks.

I am, sir, very respectfully, E. ALEXANDER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to August 6, 1897.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Birmingham	May 8	1		
Mobile	Dec. 28-Jan. 26	2		
	Mar. 28	1		
	Apr. 17	1		
	May 21	1		
	May 31	1		
Union Springs	Mar. 21		1	
Connecticut:				
New Haven	Feb. 17	1		
Florida:				
Pensacola	Jan. 19-Feb. 20	13		
	Feb. 28-Mar. 10	14		12 varioloid.
	Mar. 27-Apr. 3	3		Varioloid.
	Apr. 10-May 1	10		Do.
	May 2-May 22	7		Do.
	May 29-June 5	2		Do.
	July 4-July 10			1 case varioloid.
Escambia County (not including Pensacola)	Dec. 2-Jan. 19	18		
Illinois:				
Chicago	Mar. 25			Smallpox reported; brought from Mexico.
	Mar. 27-Apr. 3		1	
	Apr. 10-Apr. 17	2		
	May 8-May 15		1	
Indiana:				
Greenwood	Feb. 12	1		
Massachusetts:				
Boston	May 1-May 8	4		
	May 22-May 29	1		
Cambridge	June 6-June 26	3		Varioloid. 1 smallpox.
Gloucester	June 19-June 26	1	2	
New Bedford	Apr. 10-Apr. 17	1		
Michigan:				
Blissfield Township	Mar. 27-Apr. 10			Smallpox reported.
	Apr. 17-May 1			Do.
Missouri:				
St. Louis	April 29	2		
	May 1-May 22	2	3	
New York:				
Brooklyn	Apr. 24-June 26	5	2	
	June 27-July 24	2	1	
New York	Mar. 1-Mar. 31		2	Do.
	Apr. 17-May 15		10	
	June 13-June 19		3	
	July 4-July 24		3	
Ohio:				
Toledo	Apr. 1-May 31	14	2	
	June 1-June 30	4	1	
Pennsylvania:				
Drifton	Apr. 6	1		
Tennessee:				
Memphis	Apr. 1-June 26	21		
	July 4-July 17	3		
Washington:				
Tacoma	Feb. 6	1		
Olympia	Mar. 1	1		